

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Morris Plains Board of Health held on August 10, 2011, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

The following members were present:

Present: Mrs. Peg Dugan
Mrs. Catherine Marshall
Mrs. Pam Nelson
Mr. Larry Ripley

Attending: Mr. Ben Samara, Sanitarian
Mr. James Norgalis, Health Officer
Mrs. Christine Chesler, Health Educator

Absent: Dr. Dario Fenimore

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dugan, who stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been published and posted in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, "Open Public Meetings Act."

Comments from the Public

None

Reports

Mr. Samara reported on the dog bite that took place on Winding Way when a child was bitten. The dog had gotten out of its yard and nipped the child. The dog's owner plans to erect an invisible fence in the near future. The judge heard the facts from the owner, as well as from Mr. Samara. He will make his decision at a later date regarding a fine.

Mr. Samara investigated a complaint about unusually high grass on Franklin Place. He did send the owner a letter advising her to remove a huge pile of dead grass or face a fine. He plans to revisit the residence after 7 days. A summons will be issued if the pile has not been removed.

A complaint of overflowing garbage in the dumpster behind a restaurant was investigated by Tamika. Mr. Samara also did an inspection of the premises and found additional violations inside the building. The dumpster still had an odor. The owners were issued a \$240 fine and given 2 weeks to rectify the violations. The owner claimed that there was a mixup with trash collectors, since they were changing companies and were missed that week. The owner also agreed to attend a food handlers course.

Mr. Samara was asked about pickles being left out on tables. He informed the board that the owners are trying to change to buying the pickles in smaller quantities and removing them between customers.

Mr. Samara also investigated a report of a man's son eating a sushi roll from a supermarket and becoming ill. Upon questioning the boy's mother, it was determined that his illness occurred about 30 minutes after the meal. Since this was extremely fast, no other cases were reported and the child is

extremely allergic to many foods, it was doubtful that the illness resulted from the sushi. The temperatures of the sushi were satisfactory and the employee was very knowledgeable about the procedures that need to be followed.

As a follow-up to a question last month about the legality of having dogs (other than seeing eye) in a restaurant, Mr. Samara reported that it is not allowed.

The Board was questioning whether or not any information is available on bed bugs from the state. Christine Chesler explained that she has sent information out to the towns. Mrs. Dugan plans to check with Mrs. Uhrin on the availability to residents.

New Business

Mr. Norgalis then addressed the Board. He stated that our Board was questioning the sporadic reports from the Health Educator. He brought Christine here tonight to explain what services are in the contract and how they are being provided. Christine detailed the 3 areas she covers for Morris Plains. They are: Project Healthy Bones, Wellness Day and the Municipal Alliance Program. Christine was asked if our schools should be contacting her to utilize her resources and she feels that they should. When asked if the school nurses have any communication with Christine, it was brought out that the Madison nurses are in close contact with every school in Morris Plains so that immunization records are checked and up-to-date.

Wellness Day

The Board asked what will be provided to our residents this year. Christine explained that the blood work, male and female exams, BMI and Derma Screening, Flu Shots, blood pressure screening and the PSA. Fliers will be provided to the schools. This information has been included in the most recent Plains Talk edition.

Mrs. Fu reported that a meeting will take place next week with the Animal Control staff from Denville, as well as our police department.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Nelson moved that the Minutes of July 13, 2011 be approved as circulated. This was seconded by Mrs. Marshall. Voice vote. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Correspondence

SMCMUA annual report

Letter from Luk Oil regarding remediation on Speedwell Ave.

Correspondence from a resident who received a scratch from a cat. Meredith Perillo resolved the matter with the woman.

Council News

9/11 Dedication will take place at the new memorial on the weekend of 9/11, with Borough School participating on Friday. The Corn Hole Tournament is planned for the Fall. There is an ongoing Eagle Scout Project that will join Patriot's Path with McHugh's Trail. There is a new Recreation Director – Katie Bessault.

There being no further business, Mrs. Marshall moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Mrs. Dugan then made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss contract matters. Mrs. Nelson moved that the Executive Session be adjourned and Mrs. Marshall seconded the motion. All were in favor and the Executive Session was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Carole J. Howell
Secretary